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FOR EFFICIENT CONTROL OF  
MULTIPLE TAP CONTROLLERS**

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated December 11, 2003, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.(deleted) A system comprising:

a plurality of cores;

a first test access port controller coupled to at least one core;

a second test access port controller coupled to at least one core;\_and

a select pin to control the first and second test access port controller to support a

plurality of system modes of operation.